

BRIDGE ACROSS MISSOURI RIVER NEAR ARROW
ROCK, MO.

DECEMBER 16 (calendar day, DECEMBER 19), 1924.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. SHEPPARD, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3610]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3610) authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River near Arrow Rock, Mo., have considered the same and report thereon with amendments, and as so amended recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill thus amended has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed communications; the amendments referred to therein having been incorporated in the bill as reported.

In line 7, page 1, after the word "at" strike out "or near" and insert "a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near."

On page 2, strike out all of section 2.

In line 5, page 2, make "Sec. 3," "Sec. 2."

WAR DEPARTMENT, December 16, 1924.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (S. 3610, 68th Cong., 2d sess.), authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River near Arrow Rock, Mo., if amended as indicated in red thereon.

Section 2 has been eliminated for the reason that the general bridge act of March 23, 1906, specifies the dates for commencing and completing the construction of bridges as one and three years, respectively, and it is thought inadvisable to change these dates except in unusual cases.

As the navigable portions of the Missouri River do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS,
Secretary of War.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 17, 1924.

Hon. W. L. JONES,

Chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 10, 1924, transmitting a copy of the bill S. 3610, with the request that the committee be furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would grant consent of Congress to the St. Louis-Kansas City Short Line Railroad Co., a corporation in the State of Missouri, its successors and assigns, for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at or near the town of Arrow Rock, Mo. This department is informed that the proposed bridge will be used for railroad purposes exclusively. No objection, therefore, would appear to favorable action thereon by your committee.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

